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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. national phase of)
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Inventor: Philip James IONS et al.) Group Art Unit:
Application No.: Not Yet Assigned)
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For: DIRECT SMELTING PLANT)

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this amendment.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.